

Harangues, or Speeches,

Of several celebrated

QUACK-DOCTORS,

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TOWN and COUNTRY.

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Concluding with the Character of a QUACK, several merry Receipts, and three Mountebank Songs.

By VARIOUS HANDS.

We come to cure whatever Men feel,
 Within, without, from head to heel,
 We can old age to youth restore,
 And do a thousand wonders more.

L O N D O N,

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TO THE
ORATOR of ORATORS,
AND

Puff-Master-General

OF

Lincoln's - Inn - Fields.

SIR,

SINCE the flowers of rhetoric were, even in your minority, your most favourite amusement, and since all who know you, and are truly impartial, must acknowledge, that ever since you have made harangues and speeches your public profession, Longinus himself was not so great a master of the sublime, I flatter myself the following sheets, as they contain the high flights of some of the most silver-tongu'd Æsculapians of the present age, and your most affectionate brethren, and fellow labourers for the public good; I flatter myself, I say, that the follow-

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ing sheets are exactly suited to your taste; and sure I am, they cannot appear in the world to greater advantage, than under the shelter of your patronage and protection.

I humbly hope the great Dr Rock, and his worthy predecessors, may, without the least strain or impropriety, be term'd your brethren; since as man is compos'd of body and soul, by your joint labours, both parties are happily preserved; you being, Sir, as infallible as the pope himself, in rectifying the errors of the one, and they the never-failing physicians for the other.

That these their profound lucubrations may meet with a favourable reception from the public, thro' the sanction given them by your friendly acceptance and approbation, and that their names, together with yours, may be held in the highest esteem and veneration to latest posterity, is the unfeigned wish of,

SIR,

Your most devoted,

and most obedient,

humble servant,

The EDITOR.

T H E
H A R A N G U E S

Of several Famous

Quack Doctor's, &c.

Doctor ROCK's political speech to the mob
in Covent-Garden.

Gentlemen,

IT is with great pleasure that I see you all, as soon as I arrive in my chair, flock round about it: It is a proof, that as I come to do public good, I have public esteem. I don't know, Gentlemen, whether here, in Covent-Garden-Market, ye ever heard of public spirit; but there is such a thing talk'd of among parliament-men.

Basket-woman. Oh! That is the new act of parliament, doctor, about spirituous liquors. Pray doctor, will gin be cheaper, or dearer?

Doctor. Cheaper, cheaper, or at least as cheap, my dear: You may thank Goody Sandsby for that. — But without jest; — the public spirit I meant was, what we in the city call a love for our country, without any private view; they talk of the same thing at Westminster. It is this public spirit, which brings me here among ye: It is the good of my country, which engages me to enter into its public service. I come not to impose upon ye; for they, who impose on the people whether it be in physic or politics, are equally quacks. Some folks have indeed called me a quack: But what is a quack? A cheat. —

Now ye all know I have dispens'd my medicines, I have effected cures, I have attended ye all, in this very place for several years, and no one ill thing has been laid to my charge.—Let any other great man at court say as much if he can.—I am always the same be I where I will : When I am at Leicester-House I am the same man as when here ; or if at St. J——s's, my packets are the same, my advice is the same, and my speeches to ye are all to the same purpose. Had I any private view, any ambition, any desire, but to serve my country, I could have gratify'd them.—I am above such paltry things, as foolish dignities and empty titles.—Let p—r—t men accept places, desert their cause ; let commoners do pitiful actions to become l—ds ; But let Dr. Rock be still Dr. Rock (Where's my servant ?—Here—open the packet.—)

I don't say what I have said out of a braggadocia : No ; it is very well known, I have been offer'd places and dignities, and titles, by my fellow-citizens of London, and it is known, that I have refus'd them.—I have been twice put up for common council-man of my ward ; and a common-council-man is next to an alderman, and an alderman is next to a lord-mayor.—But how could I serve my country in two capacities ? I am no sham-sham fellow ; to-day this, and to-morrow that.—I have told ye, I will never desert ye while I live, and you may believe me.—Was my lord-mayor to send for me for a plaister for his corns, after I had got into my chair to come here, I would not go. My country's good is to be preferred to the obliging the greatest man that lives,—not excepting the king (God blest him)—Yet perhaps some noble lords, and great courtiers might say, I was a very foolish and impudent fellow for saying so.

Gentlemen, my packet is now open, and I may truly say, all my medicines are worth their weight in gold.

What I sell for a penny, for two-pence, or sixpence, were worth a thousand pounds, was I physician in ordinary ; for they would have extraordinary effects.

This little box of pills (six-pence only, gentlemen) cures a crazy constitution. It works strongly, but it carries off all vitiated and corrupt habits ; purifies, as well as cleanses, and gives new life and vigour to the whole human system.—Out of love to my country, I com-

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communicated this most excellent noſtrum to Dr. M—, and ſome others of the faculty: I laid it before the ſe—
t—s of ſt—te, as a neceſſary phyſico political medicine;
but it was thought, both by the college and the ſtateſmen,
as very improper for the air of St. James's, tho' it haſhad
admirable effects here in Covent-Garden.

Here is my tincture for the ſcurvy in the mouth. —
An excellent, and neceſſary, and uſeful, and agreeable
preparation.—It is impoſſible to enumerate the many ſur-
priſing cures, which this inimitable tincture, has perform-
ed. The ſcurvy in the mouth is a common malady,
which appears in different ſhapes, and has different ef-
fects: This is what you call having a foul mouth. This
little bottle has had wondrous effects in this market,
tho' not equal to my wiſhes, for there is hardly a good
dame will believe ſhe is troubled with the diſeaſe, till
juſtice de Veil has been conſulted. But would any gentle-
woman when ſhe is diſputing, and the organs of her voice
are extended through earneſtneſs, when the tongue has
an altercative foulneſs diſtilling from it,—that is, in plain
Engliſh, when ſhe begins to call w—re, &c.—(You all
know what I mean.) On the firſt appearance of theſe
ſymptoms, let the good lady but take four drops of this
tincture, and hold it in her mouth two hours only, and
my life for it, it prevents what might be of fatal conſe-
quence. Did people know their own good, and would
take learned mens advice, what benefits would accrue!
Gentleſolks, I don't make the application to this place on-
ly. This tincture taken as before preſcribed, would be
of excellent ſervice in Weſtminſter-Hall: It would pre-
vent many a ſcurvy ſpeech in the h—of c—; and conceal
many a ſcurvy fellow in the h—of—: to c—rt chaplains
it would be of excellent uſe: It will ſweeten the breath
of a b—ſh—p, and a k—g may take it for its ſafety.

Gentleman and ladies, have any of you the itch? here
is a chymical liquor will cure the moſt ſtubborn degree of
it: That is, the moſt ſtubborn degree, in common ac-
ception. For I will confeſs, that in ſome genteel caſes
it has not the deſired effect: You ſee I will not impoſe on
you.—A noble lord ſent to me t'other day for a phial to
cure my lady from an itch of gaming; but ſhe loſt a cool
hundred that night. I ſold a dozen phials for the uſe of

the E—st of C—p—r: his friends recommended them as the most excellent Italian beautifying fluid; but it was to cure his itch for fiddling and Italian operas, yet my lord still fiddles, and still subscribes.—The itch of rambling it has no effect on. A foreign gentleman, not a mile from this place, married a great fortune here, but he was so sore with the itch of rambling, his lady could not keep him by his good will at home: he always itch'd to be at a little village beyond sea: and almost every year would go. I was applied to: I ordered seven dozen phials, by way of Hungary water; but, faith, it has made him worse, it has increased the disease. He is always calling for that Hungary water, and in troth I hear he is going to take a trip this spring.—O! would it cure the itch of rambling, what wife, what husband, would be without it? This, then,

Like the ague in the spring,
Would be physic for a king.

The QUACK: By Thomas Rands.

MY name is don Paracelsus de Curiandi; I live at the sign of the pestle and mortar in Glisten-pipeline, near Bolus Alley; my business, in this famous nation, is, to let my fellow christians know the excellent qualifications of my medicines, which I sell to the rich, but give away gratis to the poor.

Imprimis, is there any old women amongst you, who are troubled with the pimple-pamplins, whose skin is too short for their bodies, that they cannot sleep for farting: see here is my antipamphaltick powder, or my sovereign carminick, which discharges ventiferious humours, of what kind soever, and will reduce you to a soundness of body in the twinkling of a hobby-horse.

Then see! here is my balsamum stobule swordum, or an ointment that's good against all cuts, green or canker'd wounds. Now, suppose any honest man amongst you has hurt, or cut himself with either sword, gun, or musket; spit, jack, or grid iron; glass bottle, or pint pot; by the help and application of this my celebrated balsam, they

are immediately cured, without giving themselves the trouble of sending for an illiterate surgeon, who will sooner cleanse their pockets of its money, than the wounds of its infection.

Then, here is my unguentum cataphon, or an ointment that's good against all strains, sprains, or bruises. Now, suppose any honest farmer amongst you has strained or sprained his legs, arms, or ancles, by overlifting himself at a gate-post, or barn-door, dung-pot, or cart-wheel; or has got a fall from a hay-rick, or a barley-mow; by the application of this my medicating unguent, being properly used by friction, and by the hand of a maid of fifteen, you need not doubt a cure, my life to an apple pye.

Then, gentlemen, see here is my purandos tankapon tolos, that is to say, in the Arabian language, the wonder-working pills: The excellent quality of which, is hardly known, even to myself; but I can assure you, they are good against all sanguine, melancholy, phlematic, or choleric humours: they are sudorific, cathartic, specific, amaradulphic, abstergetic, mundific, and apperiatric.

They purge the brain from all crassic cloudifying humours, which obstruct the senses of all superannuated maids. They immediately perform an articulation of dislocated junctions. They make the curatick directick, and the directick indirectick, in their lives and conversations. They cause the old to appear young, the young handsome, and the handsome witty.

Take three of these pills in a morning, jejuno stomacho, with two quarts of aqua gruellis, to force an operation, by an immediate evacuation, and you'll possess a perfect deliveration from all inordinate motions of the mind, as erapidity, anger, melancholy, mistrust, or the like.

They immediately dissipate the spirit of jealousy in the young or old. Now, suppose any person, here present, is troubled with this grievous and tormenting distemper, and fancies his wife to be what she is, or what she really may not be, let him take five of these pills, as my printed paper shall give directions, and attend the operation; and if he has a just occasion, it will give him just five stools; if, on the contrary, it will have no more opera-

tion upon him, than the like quantity of sugar-candy.

These wonderful pills strengthen the nerves, cleanse the urinal passages, and purge the stomach from all distempers got by crude, raw, and undigested meats. In fine, there is no distemper of the body whatsoever, but what these pills will entirely eradicate, tho' it lies lurking in the mass of blood.

I shall say no more at present, only let you know, that now is the time to furnish yourself with my medicines. The price of them is small, though the operation wonderful.

I am none of those fellows, that set an extravagant value upon themselves, merely because they ride upon spotted horses, and express themselves in ridiculous and unintelligible terms, to amuse the vulgar; but I am the famous don Paracelsus, who, for several years have been known in this famous city; and because I will encourage you to buy, here is my antipamphustick powder, my balsamum stobule swordum, my unguentum cataphon, together with my purandus tankapon tolos, and all for the price of six-pence. My medicines have made themselves and me famous throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, and America. It was I, that cured Prestor John's juggler's wife's waiting gentlewoman of a fistula in her elbow of which she dy'd. It was I, that prevented the old woman at Exeter from running headlong into a wine-cellar. It was I, that cured the Morocco ambassador of a lapsa lingua. It was me, and only me, that cured the French dancing-man, at Amsterdam, of the consumption in his pockets. I am as well known in the Terra Incognita, as in any part in Europe, where I performed an excellent cure upon captain Nonesuch, commander of the Non-nomen galley, who had a cannon ball lodged in his little finger; likewise the carpenter of the same ship, who had swallowed a handspike.

I resided for several years in the great city of Moscow; where, by internal medicines, and by my external and manual operations, I became more famous among them, than ever the learned Talicotius was among the inhabitants of the deserts of Arabia; for which reasons, the learned university of that city was pleased to bestow this distich in favour of me.

Tantagoros thetow, philosophia grandila Moscow,
Stanstephon physica, musica, Artibus killcow.

Before I conclude my discourse, I must let you know,
that I understand and can read the language of the stars;
and that I resolve all manner of lawful questions; and am
profound in phyliognomy and palmistry; and that I am
commenced master of the mathematicks, geometry trigo-
nometry, algebra, rhetorick, logick, and plain sailing.

Gentlemen and fellow christians, my hours are from
six 'till seven, from seven 'till eleven, and from eleven
all day.

I.

Here men of great sense
At a little expence,
May furnish themselves with a packet:
Or if any one's poor,
That has been with a whore,
For six-pence he need not to lack it:

II.

Though money be scant,
Yet physick you'll want,
If ever you come into danger:
Then beaus, come and buy it,
Prove, judge, and try it,
Or privately come to my chamber.

*The High German Doctor, and the Eng-
lish Fool.*

Gentlemen,

TH O' I am an English fool, yet my master has the
honour to be a High German physician; who, in
his travels round the universe, has cur'd twelve foreign
ministers of state of those twin-plagues, bribery and infi-
delity; six kings of a tyrannical fever; the whole con-
clave of cardinals of pride, laziness, and hypocrisy; and
the present pope of the antichristian evil.

He was also three years oculist to the German spread
eagle, and seven years operator for the teeth to the king
of Spain's white elephants: He is not only learned by his
long studies, but reverend, as you may see by his beard;

and wife, as you may judge by his silence: He has made himself, by his long travels, an absolute master of all the tongues in the world, (except the language of this kingdom) and at these years has put himself into his English a, b, c, in order to make himself an universal scholar.

Amongst the many excellent medicaments contained in his little health-preserving packet, the first thing that he presents you with, is this minute panpharmacon, which he calls his *pilla infallibilis*, or his infallible pill! though 'tis so small in bulk that it is scarce discernable without a microscope, yet, it is so mighty in its operation, that it will raise the weakest patient out of his sick bed, and make him strong enough in two minutes, to encounter conscience, death and the devil.

In the next place, he communicates to your view his excellent umbellical sticking plaister; which, if applied by the wife to the pit of her husband's stomach, disperses all manner of jealous heart-burnings, prevents the many violent evils that daily arise from that predominant monarchical distemper, such as, grumbling in the gizzard, murder, imprisonment, and the like; these with all their evil concomitants, it disperses in a moment, and so strengthens his appetite towards family duty, that he will be able to love wonderfully, and beget a miraculous progeny.

Here is likewise, a pot of mollifying ointment, for the suppling and stretching of narrow and hidebound consciences, extraordinary useful for all fashionable zealots, who are desirous of making their religion subservient to their interest; let them but cutwardly apply this balsam every saturday night, and by sunday morning they will find themselves such prevaricating christians, that they may go to church in the morning, and to meeting in the afternoon, and return home as devout hypocrites, as if they had gone to neither.

Lastly, to crown the whole number of his admirable secrets, here is that rich and excellent preservative, as well as antidote, his *orvietano*: Take a small dose of this next your heart in a morning, and you may venture any time of the day after into the most disaffected coffee-house in London, without the danger of being poisoned with rebellious principles: It expels all low-country schism

by a belch ; carries off all disloyalty in a fart ; and is the best restorative to strengthen weak faith, and decay'd allegiance, that ever was yet discover'd since the fall of Adam.

And all these medicines, contained in this little packet, the doctor, through his bounty to the publick, is willing to let you have for the small value of six-pence.

The infallible MOUNTEBANK: *Or,* QUACK DOCTOR.

SEE ! firs, see here ! A doctor rare, Who travels much at home ! Here, take my bills, I cure all ills, Past, present, and to come ; The cramp, the stitch, The squirt, the itch, The gout, the stone, the . pox, The mulligrubs, The bonny scrubs, And all Pandora's box. Thousands I've dissected Thousands new erected, And such cures effected, As none ere can tell Let the palsy shake ye, Let the cholic rack ye, Let the crinkums break ye, Let the murrain take ye, Take this, and you are well. Come wits so keen, Devour'd with spleen,	Come beaus who sprain'd your backs ; Big-belly'd maids, Old founder'd jades, And pepper'd vizar'd cracks, I soon remove The pains of love. And cure the love sick maid ; The hot, the cold, The young the old, The living and the dead ; I clear the lasfs, With wainscot-face, And from pimginets free, Plump ladies red, Like Sarazan's head, With toaping rattafe ; This with a jirk, Will do your work, And scour you o'er, and o'er ; Read, judge, and try, And if you die, Never believe me more.
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**Pharmacopola Circumforaneus: Or, the
HOUSE DOCTOR'S harangue to the cre-
dulous mob.**

Gentlemen,

I Waltho Van Claturbank, High-German doctor, chymist and dentrificator, native of Arabia Deserta. citizen and burgomaster of the city of Brandipolis, seventh son of the seventh son, unborn doctor, of above sixty years experience, having studied over Galen, Hypocrates. Albumazar, and Paracelsus, am now become the *Æsculapius* of this age. Having been educated at twelve universities, and travelled through fifty two kingdoms, and been counsellor to the counsellors of several monarchs, natural son to the wonder-working chymical doctor signior Hanesio, lately arrived from the farthest Parts of Utopia, famous throughout Asia, Africa, Europe and America, from the sun's oriental exaltation, to his occidental declination; out of mere pity to my own dear self and languishing mortals, have, by the earnest prayers and intreaties of several lords, earls, dukes, and honourable personages, been at last prevail'd upon to oblige the world with this notice.

That all persons, young and old, blind or lame, deaf or dumb, curable or incurable, may know where to repair for cure, in all cephalalgias, paralytick paroxysms, palpitations of the pericardium, empyemas synopes, and nauseties, arising either from a plethory, or a cacochymy, vertiginous vapours, hydrocephalous dysenteries, odontalgick or podagrical inflammations, illiac passions, hysterical effusions, exanthemata, the hen-pox, the hog-pox, the whores-pox, and the small-pox; the ascites, tympanites, anasarca, and the entire legion of lethiferous distempers.

Imprimis, gentlemen, I have a never-failing stiptick, corroborating, odoriferous, anodinous, balsamic balsam of balsams, made of dead mens fat, rosin, and goosegrease, which infallibly restores lost maidenheads, raises demolisht noises and by its abstersive cosmetic quality, preserves superannuated bands from wrinkles.

Item, I have the true carthamopkra of the triple king-

dom, never-failing Heliogenes, being the tincture of the sun, deriving vigour, influence and dominion from the same light; it causes all complexions to laugh or smile, at the time of taking it; is seven years in preparing, and being compleated, secundum artem, by fermentation, cohobation, calcination, sublimation, fixation, philtration, circulation, and quidlibitification, in Balneo Mariæ, crucible and fixatory, the athanor, cucurbita, and reverberatory, is the only sovereign medicine in the world.

This is nature's pallasium, health's magazine: it works seven manner of ways, in order as nature herself requires, for it seems to be confin'd to any particular way of operation; so that it effecteth the cure, either hypnotically, hydrotically, cathartically, poppistomatically, hydrogogically, pneumatically, or synechdochically; it mundifies the hypogastrium, wipes off abstersively those tenacious conglomerated sedimental fordes that adhere to the oesophagus and viscera; extinguishes all supernatural fermentations and ebullitions; and, in fine, annihilates all nosotrophical morbid ideas of the whole corporeal compages.

A dram of it is worth a bushel of March dust: for if a man chance to have his brains beat out, or his head chopped off, two drops, I say, two drops, gentlemen, seasonably apply'd, will recal the fleeting spirits, reinthrone the deposed arteries, cement the discontinuity of the parts, and in six minutes restore the lifeless trunk to all its pristine functions, vital, natural, and animal; so that this, believe me, gentlemen, is the only sovereign remedy in the world.

I have the chiefeft antepudenda gragan specific k in Venu's regalia, which infallibly cures the French pox, with all its train of gonorrheas, buboes and shankers, carnosities, phymosis, paraphymosis, cristalline priapismus, caudalomatata, and ragades, without baths and stoves, and that with as much pleasure, as the same was contracted; so that 'tis worth any persons while to get the distemper once a fortnight, if it be to be had for love or money, to enjoy the benefit of so diverting a remedy.

I have the panchymagogen of Hermes Trismegistus, an incomparable spagyric tincture of the moon's horns, which is the only infallible antidote against the contagion of cuckoldom.

Besides my vermisugus pulves, or antiverminal worm-

conquering powder, so famous for destroying all sorts of them, incident to human bodies. breaking their complicated knots in the duodenum, and dissolving the phlegmatic crudities that produce these anthropophagous vermin; it hath brought away worms by urine, as long as the may-pole in the Strand, when it flourished in its primitive prolixity, though, I confess, not altogether so thick.

Look ye, gentlemen, I have it under the hands and seals of all the greatest sultans, sophies, bashas, viziers, chams, serasquires, and muscies &c. in christendom, to verificate the truth of my operations, that I have actually perform'd such cures, as are really beyond human abilities.

I cur'd Pretter John's godmother, to the admiration of all the court, of a stupendous dolour about the os sacrum, so that the good old lady really fear'd the perdition of her huckle bone; I did it by fomenting her posteriors with a mummy of nature. alias, pilgrims salve, mix'd up with the spirit of mugwort, tartaragraphated thorough an alembic of christalline transfluency.

Thence I was sent for to sultan Gilgon, despote of Bosnia, who was violently afflicted with the spasmus. He came to meet me three hundred leagues in a gocart: but I gave him so speedy an acquittance of his dolour, that the next night I caus'd him to dance a saraband, with slipflaps and somersets.

I restor'd virility, and the comforts of generation to above an hundred and fifty eunuchs in the grand signior's seraglio; and by a pair of prolific pills, lately caused a vintner's widow, who had been barren all her days to conceive of a man-child, in the twelfth lustre of her age, without the help of her husband.

I cur'd likewise the dutchess of Boromolpho of a cramp in her tongue; and the count de Rodomontado Correet of an iliac passion, contracted by eating butter'd parsnips.

I also cur'd an alderman of Grand Cairo, who had been sick seven years of the plague, in forty six minutes; and by the like empyrical remedies I lately cur'd duke Philorix of a dropsy, of which he died.

Venienti occurrere morbo, down with your dust; Principiis obsta, no cure, no money; querenda pecunia primum, be not sick too late.

You that are willing to render yourselves immortal, buy this packet : or else repair to the sign of the prancers, in Vico vulgo dicto Rattlecliffero, something southeast of the Templum Danicum, in the square of Profound Close, not far from Tittar-Tatter Fair, and you may see, hear, and return re infecta.

*The Harangue, or Quack Speech of T.
JONES, at York.*

Gentlemen and ladies,

YOU that have a mind to preserve your own and your families health, may here at the expence of a two penny piece, furnish yourselves with a packet which contains several things of great use, and wonderful operation in human bodies, against, all distempers whatsoever.

Gentlemen, because I present myself among you, I would not have you say that I am an upstart glitterpipe bumpeeping apothecary ; no gentlemen I am no such person : I am a regular physician, and have travelled most kingdoms in the world purely to do my country good. I am not a person that take delight as a great many do, to fill your ears with hard words, in telling you the nature of turpet mineral, mercurii dulcis, balsamum capiviet, astringents, laxations, harboudations, circulations, vibrations, salivations, excoriations, scaldations, or urinations. These quacks may fitly be called Solimites, because they prescribe only one sort of physick for all distempers, that is a vomit.

If a man has bruized his elbow, take a vomit, says the doctor. If he has any corns ; take a vomit. If he has torn his coat ; take a vomit. For the jaundice, fevers, flux, gripes, gout, stone, pox, nay even the distempers, that only my friend the famous Dr. Tuff, whom you all know, as the hecognicles, marthambles, the moon paul, and strong fives, a vomit tantum. Gentlemen, these impostures value killing a man no more than I value drawing an old stump of a tooth, which has long troubled any of you ; so that I say they are a pack of tag-rag asifætida glitter pipe doctors.

Now gentlemen having given you a short account of

this spurious race, I shall present you with my cordial pills, being the tincture of the sun, having dominion from the same light, giving relief and comfort to all mankind: They cause all complexions to laugh or smile, in the very taking of them; they presently cure all dizziness, swimming, dulness in the head, and scurvy.

In the next place, I recommend to you my incomparable balsam, which heals all sorts of sores, cuts, ulcers, new and old. 'Tis good for burns, scalds, swellings, bruises, strains, aches, weakness of the joints and limbs, &c. it cures the king's evil, sore breast, and scald'd heads; and is taken inwardly for a cough, consumption, short breath, weakness of the back, or any inward hurt.

The next unparallel'd medicine contained in this my packet, is an admirable electuary, celebrated throughout all England, Scotland, France and Ireland, dominion of Wales, and town of Berwick upon Tweed. It cures all curable diseases, by very easy and gentle purging: it causes an appetite, helps all distempers in the eyes, face, swell'd lips; and opens the stoppage of the liver and spleen, &c.

The next I present you with, is my specifick, which certainly cures all agues in a minute.

The next is my red plaister, which radically cures the most inveterate rheumatism and gout in a few days time.

The last, and most useful medicine prepared throughout the whole world, is this, my pulvis catharticus: Its virtues are such, it will equally with the unicorn's horn, expel the rankest poison; 'tis a perfect, safe and speedy cure, for all venereal maladies, of what degree soever, and fortifies the heart against all fainting.

I do assure you, country folk, these medicines are as good as any physician can make, or patient take; their virtues are too well known, to say any more; so I shall leave you to experience them. And so I wish you health and happiness.

You may come to my lodgings, at the barber's pole and stone gate, at home, from seven to eleven.

To all Gentlemen, Ladies and others, whether of City, Town, or Country, ALEXANDER BENDO wisheth all Health and Prosperity.

Whereas this famous metropolis of England, (and, were the endeavours of its worthy inhabitants equal to their power, merit and virtue, I should not stick to denounce it in a short time the metropolis of the whole world :) whereas, I say, this city (as most great ones are) has ever been infested with a numerous company of such, whose arrogant confidence, back'd with their ignorance, has enabled them to impose upon the people, either by premeditated cheats, or at best, the palpable, dull and empty mistakes of their self-deluded imagination in physick, chymical and galenic, in astrology, physiognomy, palmistry, mathematicks, alchymy, and even in government itself: The last of which, I will not propose to discourse of, or meddle at all in, since it no way belongs to my trade or vocation, as the rest do; which (thanks to my God) I find much more safe, I think equally honest, and therefore more profitable.

But as-to all the former, they have been so erroneously practis'd by many unlearned wretches, whom poverty and neediness for the most part, (if not the restless itch of deceiving) has forced to straggle and wander in unknown paths, that even the professions themselves, tho' originally the products of the most learned and wise mens laborious studies and experience, and by them left a wealth and glorious inheritance for ages to come, seem, by this bastard-race of quacks and cheats, to have been run out of all wisdom, learning, perspicuousness, and truth, with which they were so plentifully stock'd; and now run into a repute of mere mists, imaginations, errors and deceits, such as, in the management of these idle professors, indeed they were.

You will therefore, (I hope) gentlemen, ladies, and others, deem it but just, that I, who for some years have with all faithfulness and assiduity courted these arts, and

received such signal favours from them, that they have admitted me to a happy and full enjoyment of themselves, and trusted me with their greatest secrets, should, with an earnestness and concern more than ordinary, take their parts against these impudent fops, whose saucy impertinent addresses and pretensions have brought such a scandal upon their most immaculate honours and reputations.

Besides, I hope you will not think that I could be so impudent, that if I had intended any such foul play myself, that I would have given you so fair warning by my severe observations upon others. *Qui alterum inculcat probi, ipsum se intueri oportet*, [Plaut.] However, gentlemen, in a world like this, where virtue is so exactly counterfeited, and hypocrisy so generally taken notice of, that every one (arm'd with suspicion) stands upon his guard against it, 'twill be very hard, for a stranger especially, to escape censure. All I shall say for myself on this score, is this; If I appear to any one like a counterfeit, even for the sake of that, chiefly, ought I to be construed a true man, who is the counterfeits example, his original, and that, which he employs his industry and pains to imitate and copy. It is, therefore, my fault, if the cheat, by his wits and endeavours, makes himself so like me, that consequently I cannot avoid resembling him? Consider, pray, the valiant, and the coward; the wealthy merchant, and the bankrupt, the politician and the fool, they are the same in many things, and differ but in one alone: The valiant man holds up his head, looks confidently round about him, wears a sword, courts a lord's wife, and owns it; so does the coward: One only point of honour excepted, and that's courage, which (like false metal, one only trial can discover) makes the distinction.

The bankrupt walks the exchange, buys bargains, draws bills, and accepts them with the richest, whilst paper and credit are current coin: That which makes the difference is real cash; a great defect, indeed! and yet but one, and that the last found out, and still, till then, the least perceived.

Now for the politician: He is a grave, deliberating, close, prying man: Pray, are there not grave, deliberating, close, prying fools?

If then, the difference betwixt all these (though infinite in effect) be so nice in all appearance, will you expect it should be otherwise betwixt the false physician, astrologer, &c. and the true? The first calls himself learned doctor, sends forth his bills, gives physick and counsel, tells and foretells; the other is bound to do just as much: 'Tis only your experience must distinguish betwixt them; to which I willingly submit myself. I'll only say something of the honour of the mountebank, in case you discover me to be one.

Reflect a little, what kind of creature it is: He is one then, who is fain to support some higher ability than he pretends to by craft: He draws great companies to him by undertaking great things, which can never be effected. The politician (by his example no doubt) finding how the people are taken with specious miraculous impossibilities, plays the same game, protests, declares, promises, I know not what, things which he is sure can never be brought about: The people believe, are deluded, and pleased; the expectation of a future good, which can never befall them, draws their eyes off from a present evil. Thus are they kept and established in subjection, peace and obedience; he in greatness, wealth, and power. So you see the politician is, and must be, a mountebank, in state affairs; and the mountebank, no doubt, if he thrives, is an errant politician in physick. But that I may not prove too tedious, I will proceed faithfully to inform you, what are the things in which I pretend chiefly, at this time, to serve my country.

First, I will (by the leave of God) perfectly cure that scab Britannica, or grand English disease, the scurvy; and that with such ease to my patient, that he shall not be sensible of the least inconveniency, whilst I steal his distemper from him. I know there are many, who treat this disease with mercury, antimony, spirits and salts, being dangerous remedies, in which I shall meddle very little, and with great caution; but by more secure, gentle, and less fallible medicines, together with the observation of some few rules in diet, perfectly cure the patient having freed him from all the symptoms, as looseness of the teeth, scorbutick spots, want of appetite, pains and lassitude in the limbs and joints, especially the legs. And

to say true, there are few distempers in this nation, that are not, or at least proceed not originally from the scurvy; which were it well rooted out, (as I make no question to do it from all those who shall come into my hands) there would not be heard of so many gouts, aches, drop-sies, and consumptions; nay, even those thick and slimy humours, which generate stones in the kidneys and bladder, are for the most part off-springs of the scurvy. It would prove tedious to set down all its malignant race; but those who address themselves here, shall be still inform'd by me of the nature of their distempers, and the grounds I proceed upon to their cure: So will all reasonable people be satisfy'd, that I treat them with care, honesty and understanding: for I am not of their opinion who endeavour to render their vocations rather mysterious, than useful and satisfactory.

I will not here make a catalogue of diseases and distempers; it behoves a physician, I am sure, to understand them all; but, if any one come to me (as I think there are few that have escaped my practice) I shall not be ashamed to own to my patient where I find myself to seek; and, at least, he shall be secure with me from having experiments try'd upon him; a privilege he can never hope to enjoy either in the hands of the grand doctors of the court and town, or in those of the lesser quacks and mountebanks.

It is thought fit, that I assure you of great secrecy, as well as care in diseases, where it is requisite, whether venereal, or other; as some peculiar to women, the green-sickness, weakness, inflammations, or obstructions in the stomach, reins, liver, spleen, &c. for I would put no word in my bill, that bears any unclean sound; it is enough that I make myself understood: I have seen physicians bills, as bawdy as Aretine's dialogues, which no man that walks warily before God can approve of; but I cure all suffocations in those parts, producing fits of the mother, convulsions, nocturnal inquietudes, and other strange accidents, not fit to be set down here; persuading young women very often, that their hearts are like to break for love, when, God knows, the distemper lies far enough from that place.

I have likewise got the knowledge of a great secret to

cure barrenness, (proceeding from any accidental cause, as it often falls out, and no natural defect; for nature is easily assisted, difficultly restor'd, but impossible to be made more perfect by man, than God himself had first created and bestow'd it) which I have made use of for many years with great success, especially this last year, wherein I have cur'd one woman, that had been married twenty years, and another woman, that had been married one and twenty years, and two women, that had been three times married; as I can make appear by the testimonies of several persons of London and Westminster, and other places thereabouts. The medicines I use cleanse and strengthen the womb, are all to be taken in the space of seven days. And because I do not intend to deceive any person, upon discourse with them, I will tell them whether I am like to do them any good. My usual contract is, to receive one half of what is agreed upon, when the party shall be quick with child, the other half, when she is brought to bed.

Cures of this kind I have done signal, and many; for the which, I doubt not, but I have the good wishes and hearty prayers of many families, who had else pin'd out their days under the deplorable and reproachful misfortunes of barren wombs, leaving plentiful estates and possessions to be inherited by strangers.

As to astrological prediction, physiognomy, divination by dreams, and otherwise, (palmistry I have no faith in, because there can be no reason alledg'd for it) my own experience has convinc'd me more of their considerable effects, and marvellous operations, chiefly in the directions of future proceedings, and to the avoiding of dangers that threaten, and laying hold of advantages that might offer themselves; I say, my own practice has convinc'd me more, than all the sage and wise writings extant of those matters; for I might say this of myself, (did it not look like ostentation) that I have very seldom fail'd in my predictions, and often been very serviceable in my advice. How far I am capable in this way, I am sure is not fit to be deliver'd in print: Those who have no opinion of the truth of this, will not, I suppose, come to me about it; such as have, I make no question of giving them ample satisfaction.

Nor will I be asham'd to set down here my willingness to practise rare secrets (tho' somewhat collateral to my profession) for the help, conversation and augmentation of beauty and comeliness; a thing, created at first by God, chiefly for the glory of his own name, and then for the better establishment of mutual love between man and woman; for when God had bestow'd on man the power of strength and wisdom, and thereby render'd women liable to the subjection of his absolute will, it seem'd but requisite that she should be endued, likewise, in recompence, with some quality, that might beget in him admiration of her, and so enforce his tenderness and love.

The knowledge of these secrets I gather'd in my travels abroad, (where I have spent my time ever since I was fifteen years old, to this my nine and twentieth year) in France and Italy. Those that have travelled in Italy, will tell you to what a miracle art does there assist nature in the preservation of beauty; how women of forty bear the same countenance with those of fifteen: Ages are there no ways distinguish'd by faces; whereas here in England, look a horse in the mouth, and a woman in the face, you presently know both their ages to a year. I will therefore give you such remedies, that, without destroying your complexion, (as most of your paints and daubings do) shall render them purely fair, clearing and preserving them from all spots, freckles, heats, pimples, and marks of the small-pox, or any accidental ones, so the face be not seam'd or scar'd.

I will also cleanse and preserve your teeth white, and round as pearls, fastening them that are loose: Your gums may be kept entire, as red as coral; your lips of the same colour, and soft as you could wish your lawful kisses.

I will likewise administer that which shall cure the worst of breaths, provided the lungs be not totally perished and imposthumated; as also certain and infallible remedies for those whose breaths are yet untainted; so that nothing but either a very long sickness, or old age itself, can ever be able to spoil them.

I will besides (if it be desir'd) take away from their fatness, who have overmuch, and add flesh to those that want it, without the least detriment to their constitutions.

Now, should Galen himself look out of his grave, and

tell me these were baubles below the profession of a physician, I would boldly answer him, that I take more glory in preserving God's image, in its unblemish'd beauty upon one good face, than I should do in patching up all the decay'd carcases in the world.

They that will do me the favour to come to me, shall be sure, from three of the clock in the afternoon, till eight at night, at my lodging in Tower-Street, next door to the sign of the black Swan, at a goldsmith's house to find

Their humble servant,

ALEXANDER BENDO.

Thesaurum & talentum ne abscondas in agro.

JOSEPH HAINS'S SPEECH, *High-German DOCTOR, and Astrologer, in Brandipolis*

Hoc juris publici in communem utilitatem publicum fecit.

WHO, by the blessing of Æsculapius on his great pains, travels, and nocturnal lucubrations, has attain'd to a greater share of knowledge, than any person before him was ever known to do,

Imprimis, gentlemen, I present you with my universal solutive, or cathartick elixir, which corrects all cacochymick and cachexical diseales of the intestines, cures all internal and external diseases, all vertiginous vapours, hydrocephalous giddiness or swimming of the head, epileptick fits, flowing of the gall, stoppage of urine, ulcers in the womb and bladder; with many other distempers, not hitherto distinguished by name.

Secondly, my friendly pill, call'd the never failing he-
liogenes, being the tincture of the sun, and deriving vi-
gour, influence, and dominion from the same light : It cau-
ses all complexions to laugh or smile, even in the very
time of taking it ; which it affects, by dilating and expan-
ding the gelatlick muscles, first of all discovered by myself.
It dulcifies the whole mass of blood ; maintains its cir-
culation, reforms the digestion of the chylon, fortifies, the
ophthalmick nerves. clears the officina intelligentiæ, corrects
the exorbitancy of the spleen, mundifies the hypogastrium,
comforts the sphincter, and is an excellent remedy against
the prosope-clorosis, or green sickness, sterility, and all
obstructions whatever. They operate seven several ways,
in order as nature herself requires ; for they scorn to be
confin'd to any particular way of operation, viz. hypnoti-
cally, by throwing the party into a gentle slumber ; hydro-
tically, by their operative faculty, in opening the interstitia
pororum ; cathartically, by cleansing the bowels of all cru-
dities and tartarous mucilage, with which they abound ;
proppysmatically, by forcing the wind downward ; hydra-
gogically, by exciting urine ; pneumatically, by exhilara-
ting the spirits ; and lastly, synechdochically, by corrobor-
ating the whole oeconomia animalis. There are twenty
or more, in every tin-box, seal'd with my coat of arms,
which are, three silver pipes erect, gules, in a field, argent ;
my crest, a bloody hand out of a mortar, emergent ; and
my supporters, a chymist and an apothecary. This tinc-
tura solaris, or most noble off-spring of Hyperion's golden
influence, wipes off absterfively all those tenacious, conglome-
rated, sedimental fordes, that adhere to the oesophagus
and viscera, extinguishes all supernatural ferments and
ebullitions ; and, in fine, annihilates all the nosotropical,
or moribick ideas of the whole corporeal compages.

Thirdly, my panagion outacousticon, or auricular resto-
rative : were it possible to shew me a man so deaf, that if
a demi-culverin were to be let off under his ear, and he
could not hear the report ; yet these infallible drops (first
invented by the two famous physician brothers, St. Cosinus,
and St. Domian, call'd the Anargyri, in the antient Greek
menologies, and some forty years ago communicated to me
by Anastasio Logotheti a Greek coloyr at Adrianople,
when I was invited into those parts to cure sultan Maho-

met IV. of an elephantiasis in his diaphragm) he would recover his auditive faculty, and hear as smartly as an old fumbling priest, when a young wench gives him an account of her lost maidenhead at the confessional.

Fourthly, my anodyne spirit, excellent to ease pain, when taken inwardly, and applied outwardly, excellent for any lameness, shrinking or contraction of the nerves; for eyes, deafness, pain and noise in the ears; and all odontalgick, as well as podagrical inflammations.

Fifthly, my antidotus antivenerialis; which effectually cures all gonorrheas, carnosities in the delinquent part, tumours, phymosis, paraphymosis, chrySTALLINE, priapism, hemorrhoids, cantillamata, regades, bubos, imposthumations, carbuncles, genicular nodes and the like, without either baths or stoves, as also without mercury, so often destructive to the poor patient, with that privacy, that the nearest relations shall not perceive it.

Sixthly, my pectoral lozenges, or balsam of balsams, which effectually carries off wind & coughs, spitting of bloody, wheezing in the larynx, and pthyalismus, let it be never so inveterate.

Seventhly, and lastly, my pulvis vermifugus, or anti-vermattick powder, brings up the rear, so famous for killing and bringing away all sorts of worms incident to human bodies, breaking their complicated knots in the duodenum, and dissolving the phlegmatick crudities, that produce anthropophagous vermin. It has brought away, by urine, worms, as long as the maypole in the Strand, when it flourish'd in its primitive prolixity, though, I confess, not altogether so thick. In short, 'tis a specificck catholicon for the cholick, expels winds by eructation, or otherwise; accelerates digestions, and creates an appetite to a miracle.

I dexterously couch the cataract or suffusion, extirpate wens of the greatest magnitude, close up hairlips, whither treble or quadruple; cure the polypus upon the nose, and all scrophulous tumours, cancers in the breast, noli me tangeres, St. Anthony's fire, by my new invented unguentum antipyreticum, excrescences, or superfluous flesh in the mouth of the bladder, or womb; I take the stone from women or maids, without cutting.

I have steel trusses, and instruments of a new invention, together with never-failing medicines and methods to cure

ruptures, and knit the peritonæum. And here I cannot forbear to communicate an useful piece of knowledge to the world, which is, that which the learn'd Villipandus, in his excellent treatise, de congrubilitate materiæ primæ, cum confessione Augustana. I take a rupture to be a relaxation of the natural cavities, at the bottom of the cremaster muscles. But this, en passant, I forge all myself; nay, my very machines for safe and easy drawing of teeth and obscure stumps. Mrs. Little hand, midwife to the princess of Phlegethon, can sufficiently inform the women of my helps, and what I do for the disruption of the fundament and uterus, and other strange infirmities of the matrix, occasioned by the work, &c. which I challenge any person in the Acherontick dominions to perform but myself.

If any woman be unwilling to speak to me, they may have the conveniency of speaking to my wife, who is expert in all feminine distempers. She has an excellent cosmetic water to carry off freckles, sun burn, or pimples; and a curious red pomatum to plump, and colour the lips; she can make red hair, as white as a lily; she shapes the eyebrows to a miracle, and makes low foreheads, as high as you please; she has a famous never-failing remedy for offensive breaths, a famous essence to correct the ill scent of the arm-pits, a rich water, that makes the hair curl, a most delicate paste to smooth and whiten the hands; also,

A rare secret, that takes away all warts,
From the face, hands, fingers, and privy partes.

Those, who are not able to come to me, let them send their urine, especially that made after midnight; and, on sight of it, I will tell them what their distemper is, and whether curable, or no. Nay, let a man be in never so perfect health of body, his constitution never so vigorous and athletical, if he shews me his water. I can as infallibly predict what distemper will first attack him, though perhaps it will be thirty or forty years hence, as an astronomer, by the rules of his science, can foretel solar or lunar eclipses the year before they happen. I have predicted miraculous things by the pulse, far above any philosopher. By it, I not only discover the circumstances of the body, but if the party be a woman, I can foretel how many hu-

bands and children she shall have: if a tradesman, whether his wife will fortify his forehead with horns; and so of the rest. This is not all, but I will engage to tell any serious persons what their business is, on every radical figure, before they speak one word; what has already happened to them from their very infancy, down to the individual hour of their consulting me; what their present circumstances are; what will happen to them hereafter; in what part of the body they have moles, and what colour and magnitude they are of; and lastly, how profited, that is, whether they culminate equinoctially or horizontally upon the mesogastrium, from which place alone, and no other, as the profound Trismegistus has observed before me, in his elaborate treatise *de erroribus styli Gregoriani*, all solid conjectures are to be form'd.

I have likewise attain'd to the green, golden, and black dragon, known to none but magicians and hermetick philosophers; I tell the meaning of all magical pantics, sigils, charms, and lameness, and have a glass and further help to marriage; and what is more, by my learning and great travels, I have obtain'd the true and perfect seed and blossom of the female fern; and infinitely improv'd that great traveller major John Coke's famous necklaces for breeding of teeth. The spring being already advanc'd which is the properest season for preventing new, and renewing old distempers, neglect not this opportunity.

My hours are from nine till twelve in the morning, and from two in the afternoon, till nine at night, every day in the week, except on the real christian sabbath, call'd saturday.

It may be of use to keep this advertisement.

The HARANGUE of Robert Wilmore.

Gentlemen and ladies,

BEHOLD this little viol, which contains in its narrow bounds what the whole universe cannot purchase, if sold to its true value. This admirable, this miraculous elixir, drawn from the hearts of mandrakes, phoenix livers, and tongues of mermaids, and distill'd by contracted sun-beams, has besides the unknown virtue of curing all distempers both of mind and body, that divine one of animating the heart of man to that degree, that however remiss, cold, and cowardly by nature, he shall become vigorous and brave. O stupid and insensible man ! when honour and secure renown invites you, to treat it with neglect, even when you need but passive valour to become the heroes of the age ! receive a thousand wounds, each of which would let out fleeting life, here's that can snatch the parting soul in its full career, and bring it back to its native mansion, baffles grim death, and disappoints even fate !

Gentlemen, if any of you here present was at death's door, here's this, my divine elixir, will give you life again.

This will recover whole fields of slain.
And all the fields shall rise, and fight again.

'Twas this, that made the Roman legions numerous, and now makes France so formidable ; and this alone may be the occasion of the loss of Germany.

Come, gentlemen, buy this coward's comfort, quickly buy : what fop would be abus'd, mimick'd, and scorn'd, for fear of wounds, that can be so easily cur'd ? Who is it would bear the insolence and pride of domineering great men, proud officers, or magistrates ? or who would cringe to statesmen out of fear ? What cully wou'd be cuckolded ? What foolish heir undone by cheating gamesters ? What

lord would be lampoon'd ? What poet fear the malice of his satyrical brother ? Or atheist fear to fight, for fear of death ? come buy my coward's comfort, quickly buy.

Here, gentlemen, is my little paper of powder, whose value surmounts that of rocks of diamonds, and hills of gold : 'Twas this made Venus a goddess, which was given by Apollo ; from her deriv'd to Helen, and in the sack of Troy lost, 'till recover'd by me out of some ruins of Asia.

Come buy it, ladies, you that would be fair, and wear eternal youth ; and you, in whom the amorous fire remains, when all the charms are fled ; You that dress young and gay, and would be thought so ; that patch and paint, to fill up sometimes old furrows on your brows, and set yourselves for conquest, though in vain ; here's that which will give you a bern hair, white teeth, red lips, and dimples on your cheeks : Come, buy it, all you that are past bewitching, and would have handsome, young, and active lovers.

Come all you city wives, that would advance your husbands to be lord mayors, come buy of me new beauty : This will give it, tho' now decay'd as are your shop-commodities ; this will retrieve your customers, and vend your false and out of fashion'd wares : Cheat, lye, protest, and cozen as you please, a handsome wife makes all a lawful gain. Come, city wives, come buy.

Here is my little bottle of powder, which Venus made, and gave to the god of love, which made him first a deity : You talk of arrows, bows, and killing darts ; fables, poetical fictions are no more : 'Tis this alone, that wounds and fires the heart, makes women kind, and equals men to gods ; 'tis this that makes your great lady doat on the ill-favour'd fop ; your great man be jilted by his little mistress ; the judge cajol'd by his sempstress, and your politician by his comedian ; your young lady doat on her decrepit husband ; your chaplain on my lady's waiting-woman, and the squire on the laundry-maid. In fine, Sirs,

'Tis this that cures the lover's pain,
And Cælia of her cold disdain.

I need say nothing of my divine baths of reformation, nor the wonders of the old oracles of the box, which re-

solves all questions. All which sufficiently declare me to be no mean practitioner in the astrological, as well as Æsculapian art.

You that come to my lodgings may have advice gratis: My hours are from eight to twelve, and from three to six.

LOPUS's Harangue at Madrid.

MOST illustrious dons, and egregiously beautiful and virtuous madona's, with the rest of my gentle friends and auditors: Behold your humble, most officious servant Lopus, arriv'd from the most antient and stately city of Saragosa, on purpose to make a present of the wonderful effects of his physical and chymical arts to your fair acceptance, in this most glorious and courtly town of Madrid.

I protest to you, gentlemen, I and my wife, with all my servants, are not able to make of this precious oil, you see in this glass, half so fast as it is fetch'd away from my lodgings, by gentlemen and others of this most famous town, and sent for by many of the greatest dukes and grandees of this most celebrated nation, some of which have detain'd me to their private and particular use a while; since my arrival, by their splendid liberalities, and worthily; for what avails it to your rich man to have his cellers stuff'd with the purest grape, and his tables furnish'd with the rarest varieties of dainty acetes, when his physicians prescribe him (on pain of death) to drink nothing but water-gruel, or over-stew'd herbs in a thin heartless broth? O health! the blessing of the rich! the riches of the poor! who can buy thee at too dear a rate, since they cannot enjoy any happiness without thee?

Be not then so sparing of your purses, honourable gentlemen, as to abridge the natural course of your lives; for when a humid flux or catarrh, by the mutability of the air falls from your head into an arm, or shoulder, or any other part, take you a ducat, or Castilion of gold, and apply it to the place affected, and see what good it

will do. No, no, it is this blessed unguento, this rare extraction, that only hath the power to disperse all malignant humours, from whatsoever ill-effected causes they shall proceed.

It has the power to fortify the most indigest and crude stomach in the world, though it be of one that (through extreme weakness) vomits blood, applying only a warm napkin to the place, after the unction and fricace: for the vertigo in the head, putting but a drop into your nostrils, likewise behind your ears, a most sovereign and approv'd remedy, the mal caduco, cramps, convulsions, paralyties, epilepsies, tremor cordis, retir'd and shrunk nerves, evil vapours of the spleen, stopping of the liver, the stone, the stranguary, hernia ventosa, iliaca passio, stops a dysenteria, immediately easeth the torsion of the small guts; and melancholia hypochondriaca, being taken and applied according to my printed receipt; for this is the physician, this the medicine, this *Pointing to his bill, and his glass.* counsels, this cures, this gives the direction, this works the effect; and, in sum, both together may be term'd an abstract of the theotrick and practice in the Æsculapian art. 'Twill cost you four rials; and so Andrew, prithee sing a verse extempore in honour of it.

S O N G.

HAD old Hippocrates and Galen,
 (That to their books put med'cines all in)
 But known this secret, they had never
 (Of which they will be guilty ever)
 Been murderers of so much paper,
 Nor wasted many a harmless taper:
 No Indian drug had e'er been famed,
 Tobacco, saffraſas not named;
 Nor yet, of guacum one small stick, fir,
 Nor Raymond Lully's great elixir.
 Nor had been known the Daniſh goſwart,
 Or Paracellſus with his long ſword.

I have here likewise a most inestimable vegetable, which is equally to be valued with my oil, of both which, if I had but time to discourse to you of the miraculous effects with the countless catalogue of those I have cured of the foresaid, and many more diseases, the patents and privileges of the most catholick and christian kings, as also of the princes and commonwealths of Christendom, or but the depositions, that have appeared on my part before the most learned college of physicians, where I was authorized upon notice taken of the admirable virtues of my medicaments, and my own excellency in matter of rare and unknown secrets, to disperse them publicly for the common good, not only in this famous city, but in all the territories that happily lie under the government of the most pious and magnificent provinces of this kingdom. But may some other gallant fellow say, Oh! there are divers that make profession to have as good, and as experimented receipts as yours. Indeed, very many have essay'd, like apes, in imitation of that which is really and essentially in me, to make of this oil, bestow'd great cost in furnaces, stills, alembicks, continual fires, and preparation of the ingredients (as, indeed, there goes to it six hundred several simples, besides some quantity of human fat for the conglutination, which we buy of the anatomists) but when these practitioners come to the last decoction, blow, blow, puff, puff, and all flies in fumo! Ha, ha, poor wretches! I rather pity their folly and indiscretion, than their loss of time and money; for those may be recovered by industry; but to be a fool born is a disease incurable. For myself, I always from my youth have endeavour'd to get the rarest secrets, and book them, either in exchange, or for money; I spared no cost nor labour, where any thing was worthy to be learned. And, gentlemen, honourable gentlemen, I will undertake (by virtue of chymical art) out of the honourable hat that covers your venerable head, to extract the four elements, that is to say, fire, air, water, earth, and return you your self without burn or stain; for whilst others have been at the balloo, I have been at my book, and am now past the craggy paths of study, and am come to the flowery plains of honour and reputation.

But to our price: You all know (honourable gentle-

men) I never valued it in this city at less than eight crowns, but for this time I am content to be depriv'd of it for six; six crowns is the price; and less in courtesy I know you cannot offer me; take it, or leave it; however, both it and I are at your service. I ask not the value of the thing; for then I should demand a thousand ducats, so several grandees and grandezas, with divers other princes, have given me. But I despise money: Only to shew my affection to you, honourable gentlemen, and your illustrious state here, I have neglected the messages of these princes; mine own offices fram'd my journey hither, only to present you with the fruits of my travels. Tune your voices once more to the touch of your instruments, and give the honourable assembly some delightful recreations.

S O N G.

YOU that would last long, list to my song,
 Make no more coil, but buy of this oil;
 Would you be ever fair and young,
 Stout of teeth, and strong of tongue;
 Tart of palate, quick of ear;
 Sharp of sight, of nostril clear;
 Moist of hand, and light of foot;
 (Or I will come nearer to't)
 Wou'd you live free from all diseases,
 Do the act your mistress pleases;
 Yea, fright all aches from your bones;
 Here's a med'cine for your nones.

Well, I am in a humour (at this time) to make a present of the small quantity my coffer contains; to the rich in courtesy, and to the poor for God's sake. Wherefore now mark, I ask'd you six crowns, and six crowns at other times you have paid me: You shall not give me six crowns, nor five, nor four, nor three, nor two, nor one, nor half a ducat; sixpence it will cost you, or six hundred pounds: expect no lower price; for by the banner of my front, I will not abate one farthing; that I will have only as a pledge of your loves, to carry something from amongst you, to shew I am not condemn'd by you.

Here is likewise a powder concealed in this paper, of which, if I should speak to the worth, five thousand volumes were but as one page, that page as a line, that line as a word: So short is this pilgrimage of man (which some call life) to the expressing of it; or if I should reflect upon the price, why the whole world were but as an empire, that empire as a province, that province as a bank, that bank as a private purse, to the purchase of it: I will only tell you, it is the very powder, that made Venus a goddess (given her by Apollo) that kept her perpetually young, clear'd her wrinkles, firm'd her gums, fill'd her skin, colour'd her hair, from her deriv'd to Helen, and at the sack of Troy unfortunately lost, till now in this our age it was happily recover'd by a studious antiquary out of some ruins of Asia, who sent a moiety of it to the court of France; but much sophisticated; the rest at this present remains with me, extracted to a quintessence; so that wherever it but touches in youth, it perpetually preserves, in age restores the complexion, sets the teeth as firm as a wall, makes them white as ivory, that were as black as jet; and with the addition of a most wonderful bath, of my own preparation, it will tinct a grey hair a pure auburn, and make it grow so; make you cast your old harsh skin, for one as fresh and smooth as Leda's, and so supple and quicken your joints and nerves, as but seldom using it, you shall ever enjoy your juvenile activities, gusto's, and total abilities, to the admiration of all that formerly knew you.

Many other rare effects there are of this powder and bath, too tedious to reckon in this place; but whosoever has a mind to try them, if they please to repair to my lodgings, shall be more particularly informed. Only this I shall add at this present; this powder has likewise a wonderful variety of amorous effects belonging to it, which are not here to be enumerated.

And so God preserve his most catholick majesty.

The Character of a QUACK.

HE is made up of more items, than a taylor's bill. If he catches but the names of diseases, 'tis enough; 'tis all the skill he studies for. He took his being from a cunning woman; and stole this black art from her whilst he made her sea coal fires. All the diseases ever lin brought on man, he doth pretend to cure; when, in truth, his main cunning is only corn cutting. By his railing at such as shun him for fear of infection, and his ready address to oyster-women and butchers wives, he gains the astonishment of the vulgar, and the scorn of the wife. He shares gain with some apothecary in the suburbs, at whose house he lodges; and though he is never so familiar with his wife, the apothecary dares not, for both his ears, displease him. All the midwives in the town are his intelligencers; and nurses, and merchant's wives, who would fain conceive with child, are his great idolaters. He is a more unjust bone-setter, than a dice-maker: He hath put out more eyes than the small pox; made more deaf than the cataracts of Nilus; lam'd more than the gout; shrunk more sinews than one that makes bow-strings; and kill'd more idly than geneva and tobacco. A man that hath any respect for his dog, would never suffer such a varlet to come near him. His discourse is a vomit; and his ignorance the strongest purgation in the world. To one that would be speedily cur'd, he hath more delays and doubles, than a law-suit or a hare. He seeks to let us at variance with nature; and rather than he will want diseases, he'll beget them. His main practice (as I said before) is upon women: He labours to make their minds sick, ere their bodies feel it, and then there's work for the dog-leach. He pretends to cure madmen; and sure, he gets most by them; for no man in his perfect wits would have any thing to do with him. Lastly, he is such a juggler in urinals, so dangerously unskilful, that if any will have recourse to him for diseases, that want purgation, let them employ him in scouring their bog-houses.

MOUNTEBANK RECEIPTS.

An approv'd receipt against melancholy feminine.

IF any lady be sick of the fullens, she knows not where, let her take a handful of simples, I know not what, and use them. I know not how, applying them to the place griev'd, I know not which, and she shall be cur'd, I know not when.

Against the scurvy.

If any scholar be troubled with an itch or breaking-out, which in time may prove the scurvy, let him first forbear clawing and fretting meats, and then purge choller, but by no means upwards.

For restoring a gentleman's usher's legs.

If any gentleman-usher have a consumption in his legs, let him feed lustily upon veal, for two months in the spring time, and forbear all mutton, and he shall increase in the calf.

For the tentigo.

If any be troubled with the tentigo, let him travel to Japan; or because the forest of Turnbelia is of the same altitude and elevation of the pole, and at hand, let him hunt there for recreation, and it shall be done in an instant.

For a felon.

If any be troubled with a felon on his finger, whereby he hath lost the lawful use of his hand, let him but once use the exercise of swinging, and stretch himself upon the sovereign tree of Tyburnia, and it will presently kill the felon.

For a tympany.

If a virgin be so sick of Cupid, that the disease is grown to a tympany, let her with all speed possible remove herself, changing air for forty weeks at least, keeping a spare diet at the travels, always after dinner using lawful exercises till she be married, and then she's past danger.

For barrenness.

If any lady be married, yet childless, let her first desire

to be a mother, and eat for her breakfast a new laid egg in a spoonful of goat's milk, with a scruple of ambergrease, and at supper feed on a hen, trodden by one cock, and above all things let her avoid hurrying in coaches especially on the stones, and assuming a finer mold than nature meant her, and no doubt she'll fructify.

For the falling sickness.

If any woman be troubled with the falling sickness, let her first forbear physic, especially suppositories and glisters; neither let her travel westward, hoy! because she must avoid the Isle of Man. And for that it is an evil spirit entered into her, let her for a charm have alway her legs across, when she is not walking, and this will help her.

For a rupture.

If any merchant be troubled with a rupture in the bowels of his estate, so that he cannot go abroad, let him decoct gold from a pound to a noble, taking the broth thereof from six months to six months, and he shall be as able a man as ever he was.

MOUNTEBANK SONGS.

S O N G I.

IS any deaf? is any blind?
Is any bound, or loose behind?
Is any foul, that would be fair;
Would any lady change her hair?
Does any dream, does any walk;
Or in his asleep affrighted talk?
I come to cure whate'er you feel,
Within, without, from head to heel.

Be drums or rattles in thy head;
Are not thy brains well tempered?
Does Eolus thy stomach gnaw;
Or breed there vermin in thy maw?

Dost thou desire, and canst not please?
Lo, here the best cantharides. I come, &c.

Even all diseases that arise,
From ill disposed crudities;
From too much study, to much pain,
From laziness, and from a strain;
From any humour doing harm,
Be it dry, or moist, or cold, or warm.
Then come to me, &c.

Of lazy gout, I cure the rich,
I rid the beggar of the Itch,
I phlegm avoid, both thick and thin,
I dislocated joints put in;
I can old age to youth restore,
And do a thousand wonders more.
Then come to me, &c.

S O N G II.

MAids of the chamber, or of the kitchen,
If you be troubled with an itching,
Come give me but a kiss to two,
And here is that shall soon cure you:
Nor Galen, nor Hippocrates,
Did ever do such cures as these.

Crack'd maids, that cannot hold your water,
Or use to break wind in your laughter;
Or be you vex'd with kibes, with corns,
I'll cure, or cuckolds of their horns:
Nor Galen, &c.

If lusty Sis, maid of the dairy,
Chance to be blue-nip'd by the Fairy;
For making butter with her tail,
I'll give her that will never fail:
Nor Galen, &c.

Or if some mischance betide her,
Or that the night mare over-ride her,

Or if she tell all in a dream,
I'll help her for a mess of cream :
Nor Galen, &c.

S O N G III.

Here's water to quench maiden fires,
Here's spirits for old occupiers ;
Here's powder to preserve youth long,
Here's oil to make weak sinews strong.

What is it you lack, what would you buy ?

What is that you need ?

Come to me (gallants) taste and try,

Here's that will do the deed.

This powder doth preserve from fate,
This cureth the maleficate ;
Lost maidenheads this doth restore,
And makes them virgins as before.

What is it you lack, &c.

Here's cure for bone-ach, fever-lurdens,
Unlawful or untimely burdens,
Diseases of all sex, all ages,
This med'cine cureth or asswages.

What is it you lack, &c.

I have receipts to cure the gout,
To keep pox in, or put them out ;
To cool hot bloods, cold bloods to warm,
Shall do you (if no good) no harm.

What is't you lack, &c.

F I N I S.